



Kentucky State Data Center

Population Forecasts Revised

New population forecasts, based on the 2000 Census, are now available for the state of Kentucky, Area Development Districts (ADDs), and counties through 2030.

The new forecasts represent a scenario which assumes that fertility, mortality, and migration trends of the 1990s will continue at the same levels throughout the forecast period.

The table on pages 2 and 3 provides 1990 and 2000 Census population counts and projections for 2010, 2020, and 2030. More detailed forecasts are available at: <http://cbpa.louisville.edu/ksdc/>, or by contacting the KSDC staff.

State Highlights

The new projections show an expected increase in Kentucky's population of 400,606 (9.9%) for the 2000 to 2010 decade. Over the 30-year projection period, the state is expected to grow by 29.5 percent, but at a slightly slower rate each decade. The 2020 population will be a 9.0 percent increase over 2010, and the 2020–2030 period is forecast to be an increase of 8.1 percent.

As shown in the figure on page 2, births, deaths, and net migration are expected to increase over the next 30 years. However, deaths are expected to increase at a faster pace than births, and will exceed births slightly by 2030.

The fastest growing segment of the population will be persons 65 years of age and older. It is expected that their numbers will increase by 16.9 percent over the next 10 years. By 2030, all of the baby-boomers will be over 65 years of age and will make up nearly 85 percent of the elderly population.

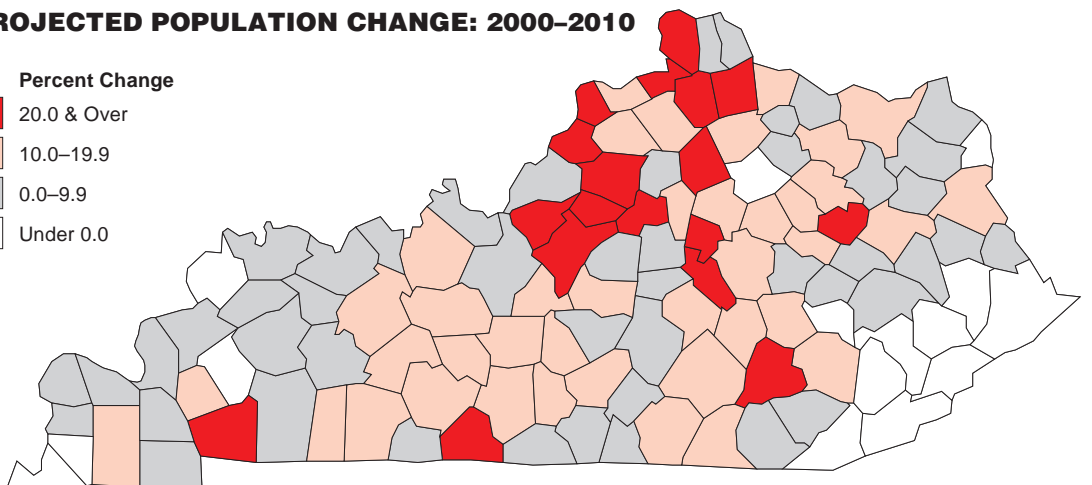
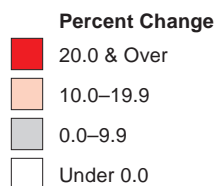
The figures on page 3 illustrate the composition of Kentucky's population by age and gender in 1990, and the projected changes in age and gender for 2010 and 2030.

Growing Counties

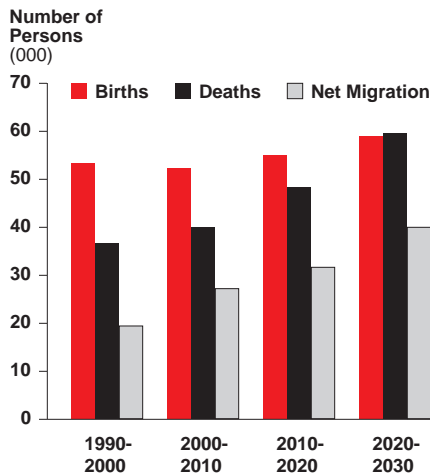
From 2000 to 2010, 18 counties are expected to have population gains of 20 percent or more. Most of these are in northern Kentucky and the counties surrounding Jefferson.

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PROJECTED POPULATION CHANGE: 2000–2010



Components of Kentucky's Population Change: 1990-2030



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Population of Kentucky Counties: 1990-2030

	Census Counts		Projections		
	1990	2000	2010	2020	2030
Kentucky	3,686,891	4,041,769	4,442,375	4,843,218	5,235,685
Adair	15,360	17,244	19,138	21,162	23,038
Allen	14,628	17,800	22,169	27,240	32,939
Anderson	14,571	19,111	25,036	32,347	40,853
Ballard	7,902	8,286	8,868	9,413	9,857
Barren	34,001	38,033	42,640	47,300	51,524
Bath	9,692	11,085	12,681	14,321	15,891
Bell	31,506	30,060	28,588	26,453	23,856
Boone	57,589	85,991	126,036	179,528	249,143
Bourbon	19,236	19,360	19,350	19,110	18,491
Boyd	51,150	49,752	48,148	45,631	42,372
Boyle	25,641	27,697	29,273	30,888	32,065
Bracken	7,766	8,279	9,107	9,902	10,564
Breathitt	15,703	16,100	16,627	16,702	16,282
Breckinridge	16,312	18,648	21,554	24,447	27,178
Bullitt	47,567	61,236	77,928	96,050	114,909
Butler	11,245	13,010	15,454	18,105	20,895
Caldwell	13,232	13,060	12,988	12,723	12,246
Calloway	30,735	34,177	37,317	39,790	41,932
Campbell	83,866	88,616	92,385	94,931	95,547
Carlisle	5,238	5,351	5,530	5,687	5,807
Carroll	9,292	10,155	11,442	12,626	13,645
Carter	24,340	26,889	29,406	31,564	33,122
Casey	14,211	15,447	16,853	18,033	18,988
Christian	68,941	72,265	74,791	75,404	74,633
Clark	29,496	33,144	36,932	40,226	42,813
Clay	21,746	24,556	27,615	30,020	31,553
Clinton	9,135	9,634	10,079	10,318	10,299
Crittenden	9,196	9,384	9,645	9,783	9,695
Cumberland	6,784	7,147	7,580	7,892	8,085
Daviess	87,189	91,545	94,022	95,221	94,749
Edmonson	10,357	11,644	13,152	14,536	15,775
Elliott	6,455	6,748	7,122	7,394	7,494
Estill	14,614	15,307	16,048	16,424	16,373
Fayette	225,366	260,512	295,664	326,446	351,829
Fleming	12,292	13,792	15,851	18,034	20,198
Floyd	43,586	42,441	41,052	38,419	34,674
Franklin	44,143	47,687	50,440	52,255	52,789
Fulton	8,271	7,752	7,419	7,089	6,706
Gallatin	5,393	7,870	11,638	16,911	23,981
Garrard	11,579	14,792	19,251	24,683	30,920
Grant	15,737	22,384	32,341	45,939	64,125
Graves	33,550	37,028	41,071	45,573	50,203
Grayson	21,050	24,053	27,698	31,248	34,572
Green	10,371	11,518	12,765	14,066	15,339
Greenup	36,742	36,891	36,989	36,190	34,798
Hancock	7,864	8,392	8,984	9,471	9,761
Hardin	89,240	94,174	100,278	105,299	108,851
Harlan	36,574	33,202	29,893	26,228	22,347
Harrison	16,248	17,983	20,380	22,772	24,815
Hart	14,890	17,445	20,854	24,504	28,449
Henderson	43,044	44,829	46,303	46,933	46,414
Henry	12,823	15,060	17,912	20,884	23,784
Hickman	5,566	5,262	4,987	4,712	4,360
Hopkins	46,126	46,519	46,644	46,077	44,552
Jackson	11,955	13,495	15,490	17,460	19,209
Jefferson	665,123	693,604	717,376	732,776	738,510
Jessamine	30,508	39,041	48,116	58,647	70,114
Johnson	23,248	23,445	23,550	23,002	21,765
Kenton	142,031	151,464	159,730	165,463	167,873

Population of Kentucky Counties: 1990–2030

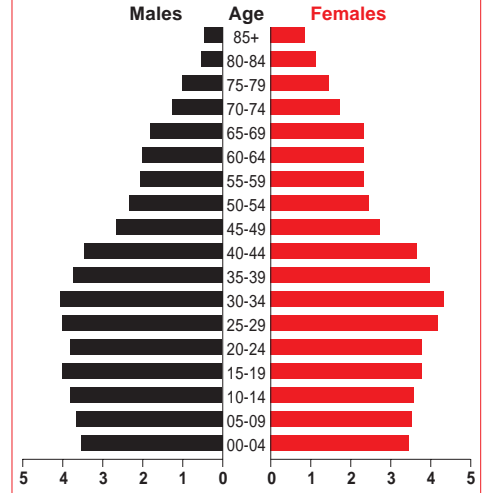
Census Counts

Projections

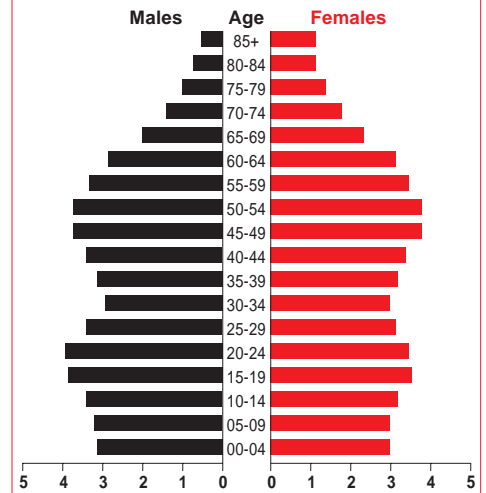
	1990	2000	2010	2020	2030
Knott	17,906	17,649	17,145	16,173	14,717
Knox	29,676	31,795	33,751	35,124	35,721
Larue	11,679	13,373	15,406	17,632	19,940
Laurel	43,438	52,715	63,370	74,334	85,088
Lawrence	13,998	15,569	17,696	19,503	20,971
Lee	7,422	7,916	8,483	8,830	8,883
Leslie	13,642	12,401	10,999	9,454	7,828
Letcher	27,000	25,277	23,660	21,452	18,772
Lewis	13,029	14,092	15,577	16,877	17,950
Lincoln	20,045	23,361	27,520	32,012	36,637
Livingston	9,062	9,804	10,763	11,651	12,350
Logan	24,416	26,573	29,362	32,140	34,643
Lyon	6,624	8,080	9,609	11,499	13,585
McCracken	62,879	65,514	67,329	68,329	68,004
McCreary	15,603	17,080	19,082	20,745	22,029
McLean	9,628	9,938	10,457	10,889	11,141
Madison	57,508	70,872	83,629	96,102	108,732
Magoffin	13,077	13,332	13,590	13,454	12,954
Marion	16,499	18,212	20,049	21,886	23,533
Marshall	27,205	30,125	32,970	35,607	37,677
Martin	12,526	12,578	12,597	12,165	11,459
Mason	16,666	16,800	16,966	16,834	16,362
Meade	24,170	26,349	28,963	32,045	35,873
Menifee	5,092	6,556	8,407	10,445	12,645
Mercer	19,148	20,817	22,549	24,110	25,353
Metcalfe	8,963	10,037	11,377	12,727	14,044
Monroe	11,401	11,756	12,246	12,538	12,644
Montgomery	19,561	22,554	26,089	29,617	33,106
Morgan	11,648	13,948	16,621	19,368	21,824
Muhlenberg	31,318	31,839	32,136	31,768	30,678
Nelson	29,710	37,477	46,792	57,328	68,458
Nicholas	6,725	6,813	6,895	6,849	6,695
Ohio	21,105	22,916	25,271	27,413	29,167
Oldham	33,263	46,178	62,789	81,508	102,650
Owen	9,035	10,547	12,618	14,911	17,361
Owsley	5,036	4,858	4,712	4,492	4,186
Pendleton	12,036	14,390	17,690	21,385	25,261
Perry	30,283	29,390	28,105	25,930	23,077
Pike	72,583	68,736	64,207	58,214	51,158
Powell	11,686	13,237	15,063	16,590	17,820
Pulaski	49,489	56,217	63,228	69,558	75,092
Robertson	2,124	2,266	2,411	2,528	2,597
Rockcastle	14,803	16,582	18,723	20,662	22,299
Rowan	20,353	22,094	22,856	23,131	23,005
Russell	14,716	16,315	17,830	19,088	19,986
Scott	23,867	33,061	44,851	60,146	78,858
Shelby	24,824	33,337	44,723	58,906	75,621
Simpson	15,145	16,405	17,737	19,105	20,260
Spencer	6,801	11,766	20,416	34,226	55,221
Taylor	21,146	22,927	24,227	25,168	25,611
Todd	10,940	11,971	13,365	14,871	16,347
Trigg	10,361	12,597	15,740	19,345	23,468
Trimble	6,090	8,125	11,134	15,079	19,984
Union	16,557	15,637	15,070	14,478	13,813
Warren	77,720	92,522	108,054	124,518	142,201
Washington	10,441	10,916	11,301	11,582	11,658
Wayne	17,468	19,923	22,863	25,838	28,684
Webster	13,955	14,120	14,573	14,856	14,824
Whitley	33,326	35,865	38,411	40,466	41,720
Wolfe	6,503	7,065	7,715	8,197	8,501
Woodford	19,955	23,208	26,427	29,288	31,408

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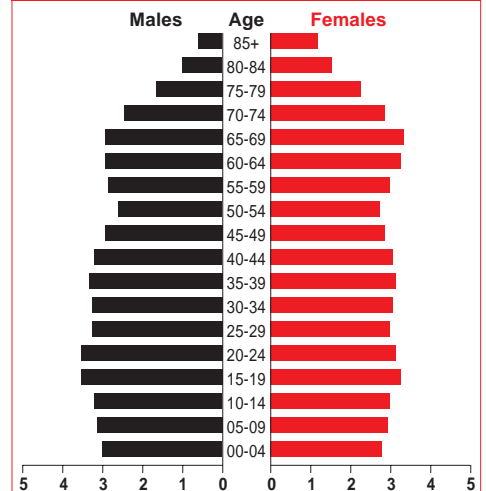
Kentucky Census Count, 1990 Percent of Total Population



Kentucky Projection for 2010 Percent of Total Population



Kentucky Projection for 2030 Percent of Total Population



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Below are the 10 fastest growing counties, each of which is expected to grow at 30 percent or greater from 2000 to 2010:

- Spencer, 73.5%
- Oldham, 36.0%
- Gallatin, 47.9%
- Scott, 35.7%
- Boone, 46.6%
- Shelby, 34.2%
- Grant, 44.5%
- Anderson, 31.0%
- Trimble, 37.0%
- Garrard, 30.1%

Absolute gains in population will be greatest in Boone (40,045), Fayette (35,152), and Jefferson (23,772).

Declining Counties

The following counties are those expected to lose the largest percentage of their population from 2000 to 2010: Hickman (-5.2%), Letcher (-6.4%), Pike (-6.6%), Harlan (-10.0%), and Leslie (-11.3%). The largest declines in the number of persons are expected to be in Pike (-4,529) and Harlan (-3,309).

Population of Area Development Districts: 1990–2030

	Census Counts		Projections		
	1990	2000	2010	2020	2030
Kentucky	3,686,891	4,041,769	4,442,375	4,843,218	5,235,685
Area Development Districts					
Barren River	222,766	255,225	293,045	332,713	373,374
Big Sandy	165,020	160,532	154,996	145,254	132,010
Bluegrass	590,336	686,003	787,424	888,895	986,565
Buffalo Trace	51,877	55,229	59,912	64,175	67,671
Cumberland Valley	223,024	238,270	255,841	270,747	281,793
FIVCO	132,685	135,849	139,361	140,282	138,757
Gateway	66,346	76,237	86,654	96,882	106,471
Green River	199,342	207,377	214,680	219,261	219,869
Kentuckiana	796,491	869,306	952,278	1,039,429	1,130,679
Kentucky River	123,495	120,656	117,446	111,230	102,246
Lake Cumberland	174,283	193,452	213,645	231,868	247,151
Lincoln Trail	219,101	243,202	272,041	301,467	330,063
Northern Kentucky	334,979	391,417	463,880	551,694	656,936
Pennyrile	205,800	215,519	225,681	233,121	237,554
Purchase	181,346	193,495	205,491	216,200	224,546

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